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Hiroyasu KURASHINA

Serial No: 09/826,408

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For:

Tape Cartridge, Tape Printing

Method, Tape Printing Apparatus,

and Label-Producing Method

TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sirs:

- 1. The information disclosure statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application other than a continued prosecution application, or within three months of the date of entry into the national stage of an international application, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under §1.114, whichever event occurs last. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b).
- 2. The information disclosure statement transmitted herewith is being filed after the period specified in §1.97(b), but before the mailing date of a final action under §1.113, or a notice of allowance under §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, whichever occurs first. A statement specified in §1.97(e) or a fee set forth in §1.17(p) is included. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c).

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- I, the person signing below, state:
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		§1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the statement. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2).
		OR FEE
		Attached is a fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under §1.97(c). (\$180.00). [OR:] Please charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under §1.97(c) (\$180.00) to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. A copy of this petition is enclosed.
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NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE REFERENCES

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	The specification incorporates comments on the relevancy of Non-English language references.
	Set forth below are comments provided by the applicant's home country counsel on the relevancy of non-English language references:

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